



First Parish News

“Groundhog Year”

Rev. Julie Taylor

Online Worship Service

Sunday, Nov. 21, 10:30 AM

“Worthy Now”

Church of the Larger Fellowship Collective

Online Worship Service

Sunday, Nov. 28, 10:30 AM

Click to join the service! <https://uukennebunk.org/Sunday-Service-Access>

Or by cell phone (audio only) 929-205-6099, meeting ID 734 887 010. Password:024481. See website: uukennebunk.org for more details on how to tune in.

Many Towns, One Circle Challenging Racism and Injustice

The FPUU Social Justice Committee, now Network, several years ago held workshops that led to the formation of *Many Towns, One Circle*. This community group is meeting regularly studying and planning actions regarding diversity, equity and inclusion in our communities. Its mission is to: *Identify racial bias in ourselves, challenge racial injustice, and work together to build a more inclusive community.*

At the Oct 30 meeting, presentations covered the weaponizing and corruption of "Critical Race Theory." On Saturday morning, Nov. 20, they will meet to brainstorm effective responses to CRT.

MTOC meetings, usually take place every other month. Contact Sue Gesing or Vicki Adams if you would like to participate.

Fabulous Food Auction a success!

The Fabulous Food Auction closed last Saturday. All items sold bringing in \$1200 – which is \$200 over the goal and will bring much needed funds to the church. Even more important, they will bring tasty treats to members and friends for the holidays. We want to thank all those who participated, the cooks and the revelers!

Hervé Lavoie and Marylyn Wentworth

Driveway Party a success!

While we enjoy the delicious offerings of our food auction, others in our community will receive generous bags of groceries thanks to Kevin Flynn and Jacky Peters. They welcomed friends and members to their driveway fire pit Saturday, collecting a dozen brimming bags of groceries for Community Outreach Services. The conversation, coffee and donuts were great too! A big thank you to all who participated.

New Auction for a great cause

This is the very first online auction to benefit MUUSAN, the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network. Now that you're used to bidding on-line, thanks to our own recent auction, it will be a fun and effective way for you to support the year-round work of this excellent organization. Items available include weekends in beautiful homes on the Maine coast, sailing off the mid-coast, well-chosen books, needle point bags, sweets, and many more temptations. Please help MUUSAN to bring about positive change through legislation and public policy in our state. Join in the fun at <https://www.32auctions.com/muusan>

Roof and other projects in the works

As you approach the church from the south, be sure to look up at our new roof! The side facing the Kennebunk Library is complete. The north side as well as the Hearse House roof will be replaced soon. The work is being done by Nate Davenport Carpentry.

Although the Kennebunk Historical Commission approved our request to install solar panels on the roof, this will not be possible. Our consultant structural engineer declared that our 220-year-old-building could not support the weight of the panels. Because of this disappointing news, we will have to find another way to access sustainable power.

Bathroom renovations are a work in progress. New toilets have been installed in the former men's room and one in the former women's room. The rooms have also received a scrubbing and fresh coat of paint. Both will be gender neutral. New flooring is being planned.

Barbara Conner, Properties Chair

Work progressing on church Library

The Arts and Improvements sub-committee and other volunteers have been working hard in the church library. The town's original library contained about 3,000 books! Old, dusty, and mildewed, they were causing air quality issues. Many people could no longer use the space.

On a sunny day, you might have seen three or four of us brushing the edges of the pages, which were caked with dust, and wiping the covers of every book, before wheeling them into the Parish Hall for members and friends to look over and buy. We sold a number of books, the top sale being a full set of Dickens. However, there was little interest in owning these books, some of them nearly as old as the church itself.

A diverse team including several former librarians evaluated all books for condition and relevance — UU and local history, world religions, and others. Local institutions were contacted but had no use for them. The church will retain the most relevant for our use and place them back in the library. Other shelving will be available for various church groups as well as AA.

Our goal is to make the library a healthy, comfortable place. It will serve us for meetings and also as a resource center and library. It will honor our past history while also reflecting who we are today.

Linda Thompson, Chair, Arts & Improvement Committee
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Monthly Updates

Wednesday Discussion Group

December 1 Deities of the Acropolis #21
December 15 Gods and Pyramids at Teotihuacan #22

Meetings are at 7:00 pm on ZOOM. All are welcome to attend any meeting. If you are interested but are not yet attending, contact Ruth Stackpole paws8@roadrunner.com

Women for All Seasons

Women for All Seasons will gather via Zoom on Tuesday, November 23 at 6:30. We will be celebrating our GRATITUDE for our circle of women that has held us tightly through these many months. Meetings are open to all women, and we hope you will join us. For more information, contact Kathe (985-6194) or Barbara (229-0799).

Note from the editor:

Are you involved in a project at FPUU? Are you participating in one of our spiritual activities? Please write to us about it, so that you can share it with others in our community!

Vicki Adams, Editor: vickigatesadams@gmail.com

Our website includes just about everything at FPUU

You can easily find ongoing activities and announcements on our website or Facebook page. Spiritual opportunities are also listed with our Order of Service each week, available by email. For events see our church calendar.

Website: uukennebunk.org

Calendar: www.uukennebunk.org/events

Facebook page: search for

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Ongoing spiritual opportunities

Adult Choir: Online rehearsals on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m., and 2 Sundays per month. All are welcome.

Buddhist Sangha - Ripples of Peace: Online Zoom - Tuesdays, 5:15- 6:45 p.m., Beginners Welcome! A Sangha is a community of friends learning and practicing the teachings of the Buddha. Our gatherings begin with sitting and walking meditation followed by a reading by a Buddhist teacher and discussion. Come when you can, you are always welcome. FMI Sally Keene 590-0035, sjk@roadrunner.com for info.

Embracing Aging: Moment to Moment: is a thoughtful, provocative discussion group open to any senior who is interested in sharing the aging journey with others. No meetings are planned at this time. FMI contact Helen Rousseau at hrousseau@roadrunner.com or 207-332-0046.

Women for All Seasons: Join us as we honor the Wheel of the Year and the seasons of our lives. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month September through June. We gather as new friends and old. All women welcome. Questions? Call Kathe Wright 985-6194 or Linda Thompson .

Small Group Ministry: First and third Tuesday each month. Discussions are wide ranging, with the purpose of deepening relationships, spirituality and sharing community. Newcomers are welcome. FMI Virginia DiMarco 985-7238.

Sermons Can Be Found On-Line Go to uukennebunk.org, click on the 3rd box on the left side "Latest Sermon: Audio" or if you want to check the archives " View all sermons in our archive" If you missed a week or want to hear a particular sermon again you can!

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